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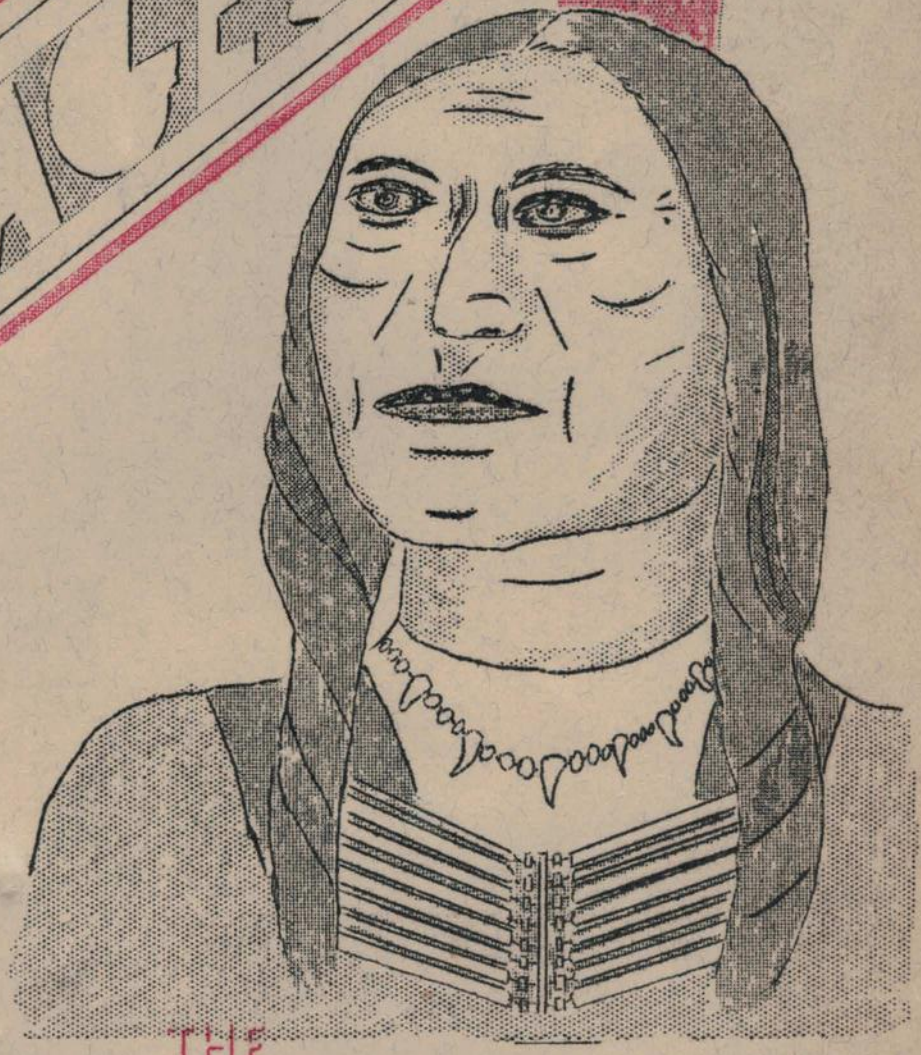

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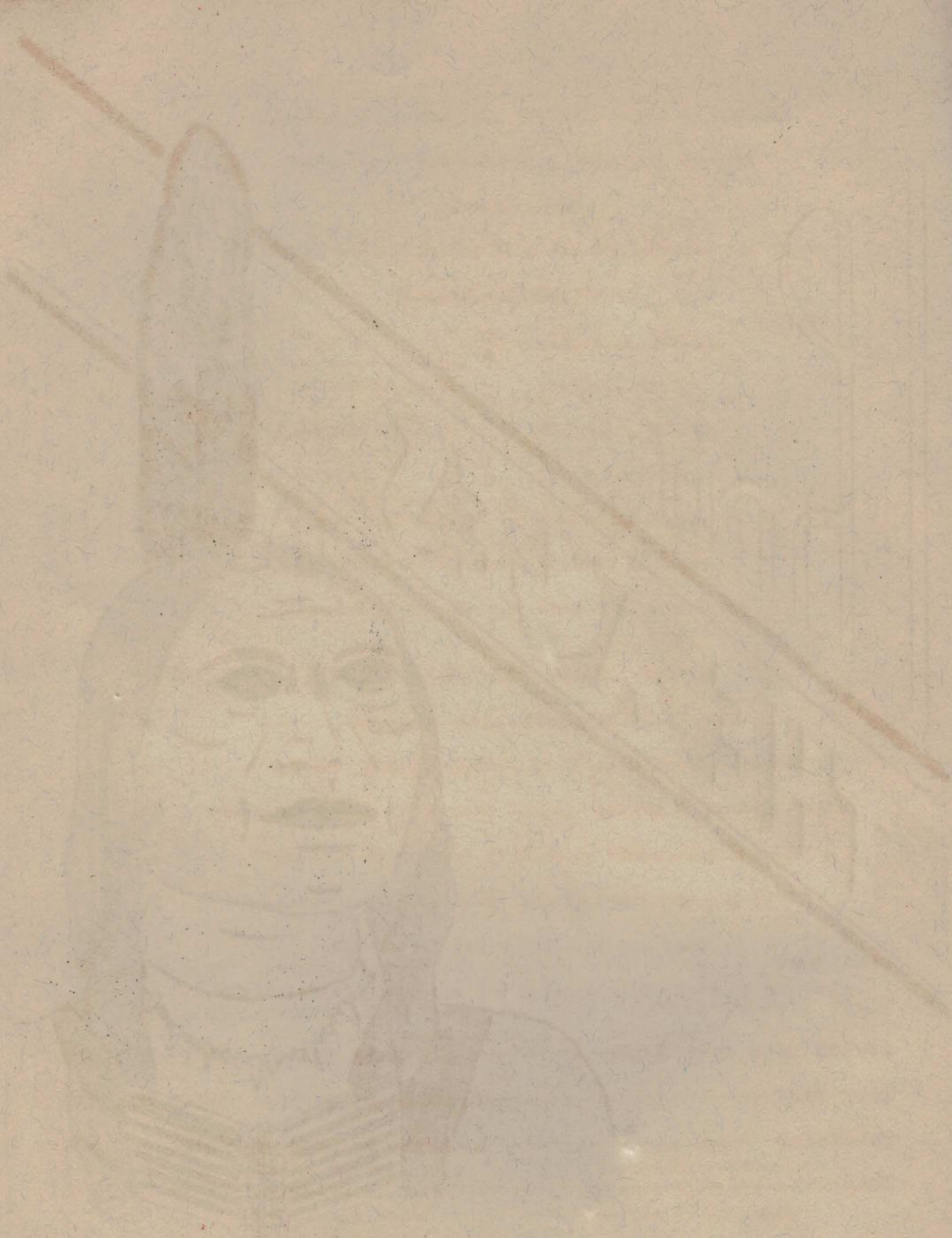

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Tribe No.	Name	Date Elected	Deceased	Place of Convention
316	Charles S. Wegman	March 3, 1914		Reading, Pa.
312	Alvin E. Hossler	October 31, 1914	1933	Hamburg, Pa.
330	Walter W. Webber	October 30, 1915		Temple, Pa.
384	Fred H. Snyder	October 28, 1916		Birdsboro, Pa.
186)_ 301)	Charles W. Miller	October 27, 1917	1919	Friedensburg, Pa.
477	Elmer S. Snyder	October 27, 1917		Friedensburg, Pa.
319	George S. Miller	October 27, 1917		Friedensburg, Pa.
438	S. Y. Weidenhammer	November 30, 1918	1936	Fleetwood, Pa.
388	Morris F. Gilbert	October 25, 1919		Boyertown, Pa.
74	Allen Miller	October 20, 1920		Reading, Pa.
351)_ 301)	Harry W. Bendel	October 20, 1920		Reading, Pa.
179	Howard W. Body	October 29, 1921		Hamburg, Pa.
301	Harry Z. Mauger	October 28, 1922	1923	Yellow House, Pa.
319	Samuel T. Leinbach	May 12, 1923		Birdsboro, Pa.
416)_ 319)	William H. Tindle	May 12, 1923	1937	Birdsboro, Pa.
186)_ 301)	Martin H. Noll	May 17, 1924		Temple, Pa.
477	Ellwood R. DeTurck	May 16, 1925		Friedensburg, Pa.
316	Norman E. Hardinger	May 15, 1926		Reading, Pa.
388	Wilson S. Lechner	May 21, 1927		Boyertown, Pa.
384	George W. Fry	May 19, 1928		Fleetwood, Pa.
301	Herbert H. Quinter	May 18, 1929		Reading, Pa.
74	William J. Burkhart	May 17, 1930		Yellow House, Pa.
438	Fred Leibelsperger	May 16, 1931		Temple, Pa.
388	Charles E. Bauman	May 14, 1932		Reading, Pa.
301	Claude R. Aulenbach	May 20, 1933		Boyertown, Pa.
477	Walter B. Moser	May 19, 1934		Reading, Pa.
416	Robert E.P. Gibble	May 18, 1935		Friedensburg, Pa.
316	Charles H. Hagan	August 31, 1938		Reading, Pa.

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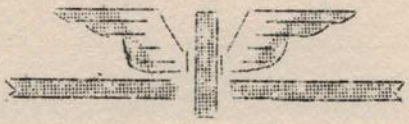

HISTORY OF THE IMPROVED ORDER OF RED MEN IN BERKS COUNTY

In order to understand more clearly the origin and history of our Society, it will be necessary to refer briefly to the Aborigines of our county.

That powerful nation of Indians called the Delawares or Lenni Lenapes, which means Original People, inhabited New Jersey and the greater part of Pennsylvania. They were divided into three tribes; the Unamis or Turtle, the Unalachtgo or Turkey and the Minsi or Wolf. These three tribes were again divided into clans and were named according to the place where they lived.

The Wolf Tribe extended over the southeastern part of Pennsylvania, which included the Indians of Berks County.

The Schuylkill Clan located along the Schuylkill River - called Manayunk or Mother of Streams by the Indians - at Neversink, within the present limits of the city of Reading was the most important clan or Indian village, being in direct line with the trail from Shamokin to Philadelphia. Managy was their Chief and superior over all other Chiefs in our county. He represented all the Berks County clans at the Provincial or Colonial Councils at Philadelphia. He was present with the tribal and national Chiefs at Philadelphia, May 23rd, 1683 when that part of Pennsylvania including Berks County was sold by the Indians to Penn, and at another important council March 12th, 1705, when through his influence the Ganawese Indians from the Potomac were permitted to locate along the Tulpehocken in the vicinity of Stouchsburg, and who were, thereafter, known as the Tulpehocken Clan, with Ullaloes as their Chief.

Another important clan was the Manatawny Clan located along the Manatawny Creek, with their headquarters near the present limits of Douglassville and with Popodickon as their Chief. Many important councils were held there by Conrad Weiser and the Grand Chiefs before proceeding to Philadelphia.

The Maxatawny Clan along the Sacony and Moselem Creeks, with headquarters in the vicinity of Virginsville, and the Ontelaunee Clan along the Ontelaunee Creek - meaning Little Maiden - now called Maiden Creek, with their headquarters near the present limits of Berkley, were two more clans in our county at the same time.

Shekilammy, Grand Chief of all the nations of Indians in the eastern part of the United States, Tamina, Chief of the Delawares, Sassoonan, Chief of the Wolfs, Managy, Chief of the Schuylkills, Popodickon, Chief of the Manatawnys and Conrad Weiser often sat in council together at Manangy's wigwam, at Popodickon's wigwam and at Philadelphia.

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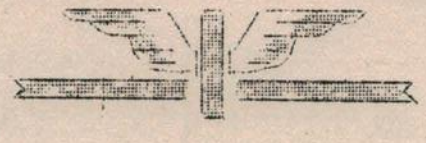

The Indians remained in Oley Township longer than in any other part of our county. Many of these Manatawny Indians remained long enough to become semi-civilized and finally christianized and many inter-married with the early settlers and partly changed their names. Through these channels the Indian has contributed much to the stature and language of the Berks County Dutch. However, very little attention has hitherto been given to the Indian gutturals appearing in our language but aboriginal lingo and blood are strongly mingled with the language and stock of our people and many Indian words are retained in the Pennsylvania German vocabulary.

Thus AN-TEE (meaning copper or copper colored) was changed to Endy; AH-KEE (meaning earth or ground) was changed to Achey; WEY-GAT (meaning "how are you") changed to We-gates; TU-WOK (meaning tobacco) changed to Du-wock; ALA-HEKA (meaning the alder bush) was not changed at all and many more too numerous to mention in this limited space of the history of our Order. From this inter-mingling the Pennsylvania German language began its formation about the year 1740, first in Oley Township and the village of Reading; next in Lancaster and Lehigh and finally spread to all parts of Pennsylvania and to some parts of the United States.

The Improved Order of Red Men is the oldest fraternal organization in our land of purely American origin and teachings. It is the acknowledged conservator of the history, customs and virtues of the Original American People, erroneously called Indians.

The passage of the Stamp Act and other tax measures from 1760 to 1775 by England to extract excess revenue from her American Colonies brought about the organizing of secret Societies in every Colony, known as the Sons of Liberty and the Societies of Saint Tamina to oppose these tax measures.

Our forefathers in organizing these patriotic Societies turned to the children of the forest or Aboriginal Americans, who were plentiful around them, for their ceremonies and secret work deemed necessary for the concealment of identity inseparable from the dangerous work in which they were engaged to found a new nation.

Berks County had members in these early Societies and after the Revolutionary War a few of these veteran continental soldiers returned to their homes and friends, as members of the Society of the Cincinnatus, the new name adopted by the Sons of Liberty after "Freedom" was won and under which appellation only ex-soldiers were admitted as members. However, these veterans aimed to perpetuate the principles and ritualistic work of all these early Orders and succeeded by re-organizing and changing the name of the Society of Saint Tamina to Tammany Societies and Columbian Order which admitted all good and able bodied citizens. The members of Reading and Berks County conducted annual May Day ceremonies on Penn's Common, now City Park.

In 1812 Captain Barker an active member in all these early societies, who was then stationed at Fort Mifflin, Philadelphia, re-organized and changed the name of these Societies to the Society of Red Men for

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the purpose of creating greater "Friendship" and with the addition of assisting distressed families of the men in the service of their Country. In 1813 Captain Barker sent a few deputies to Reading to get in contact with the members of the Tammany Society and others in the Borough of Reading and the County of Berks, for the purpose of organizing the Society of Red Men in this vicinity. These deputies succeeded in organizing Reading Tribe, Society of Red Men, and thus our Order was firmly established in our county, and the council fires of the Red Men have been kindled regularly and continuously to date.

When our Order in 1833 changed its name to the Improved Order of Red Men, this Reading Tribe never yielded but changed its name to Ancient Order of Red Men and became, to a great extent, a businessmen's organization. Under its new name and objects it thrived until 1895, when the few remaining members disbanded. However, in 1846, a number of the members of this Reading Tribe, Society of Red Men, having learned of the new or "charitable" features of our Order under its new name, expressed a desire to affiliate themselves with the modern Red Men and enjoy these new features, and accordingly organized.

Monocacy Tribe No. 1, Improved Order of Red Men of Reading, January 1st, 1847. This tribal name in the Delaware dialect was spelled "Menakesse", a stream with large bends. This Tribe was named for a hill and a stream by that name in the southeastern part of our county, and was the first Tribe in Pennsylvania of the Improved Order of Red Men at that time. It was chartered by the Berks Courts, August 2nd, 1847.

When the Great Councils of the United States and of Pennsylvania were organized, Monocacy Tribe, through some misunderstanding, never affiliated itself with these superior bodies but remained independent and changed its title to Monocacy Stamm No. 1, Independent Order of Red Men, and thrived until about 1870, when the few mostly aged members disbanded. There were, however, a few members in said Monocacy Tribe who wished to remain loyal to the principles of the Improved Order of Red Men, these members rallied their forces and instituted:

Juniata Tribe No. 74, Improved Order of Red Men, Reading, January 22nd, 1868. This act gave Reading at that time an Ancient, an Independent and an Improved Tribe of Red Men. Juniata in the Seneca dialect means a projecting rock to which the Indians paid reverence; it was named for the Tribe of Indians that lived near the mouth of the river by that name, near the present site of Duncannon. Juniata grew to be the largest tribe in our county and one of the largest in the state.

Juniata Haymakers Association No. 74-1/2 was organized soon after the tribe was instituted to provide a social degree for its members. On the honor roll of this tribe are the names of the late Daniel Brobst, the first Great Sachem from Berks County; the late Thomas A. Boyer, one of the first Great Representatives from Pennsylvania to the Great Council of the United States, and also very active in the Degree of Pocahontas; Past Great Sachem, Charles R. Willits, now a Great Representative; Past County President, Allen Miller and Past County Treasurer, Walter S.

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Seifarth. This Tribe withdrew from the Improved Order of Red Men and was chartered by the Berks Courts, May 9th, 1938, as Juniata Relief and Home Association, and is located on Buttonwood Street between Ninth and Tenth Streets.

Opekasset Tribe No. 122, Reading, was instituted in 1870. The name signifies Black Leggings and it was named for a half-breed Seminole Chief who always wore black leggings, and who frequently visited eastern Pennsylvania. This Tribe used the German Ritual until about 1900 when it changed to the English work of the Order and took a very active part in all the events of RodMenship in our county. Nearly all the early members of this tribe were also members of the Harmonie Maennerchor Association located on north Sixth Street (now or lately the Knights of Columbus Hall), and used that place for their social events. In March, 1921 this Tribe closed its books and the remaining members affiliated themselves with other local tribes.

Tulpehocken Tribe No. 181, Reading, was instituted in 1872; this tribal name in the Delaware dialect means "a land abounding in turtles" and was named for a creek by that name near Reading. Owing to the industrial panic which prevailed at that time this tribe disbanded about one year after it was organized.

Schuylkill Degree Council No. 9, Reading was organized in 1875, and in the Indian dialect was called Ganshowehanne (roaring or tumbling stream) or Manayunk (mother of streams). It was named for our Schuylkill River. This degree council selected the best talent from the various members in the Tribes in Berks and nearby counties, to exemplify the degrees in full but when the various tribes had gathered enough talent in each tribe to do their own degree work in full, this degree council disbanded, after having served about ten years.

Wyomissing Tribe No. 231, Reading was instituted in 1876. It was named for the creek by that name near Reading and in the Indian dialect means "a stream where catfish abound". However, Reading was not yet large enough to warrant more than two tribes and a degree council and the members of this tribe in a short time merged with the other local tribes.

Quittapahilla No. 17, Chieftains League, Reading, was organized in 1887, which in the Indian dialect means "a long pond". It was named for a branch of the Swatara River. This was a uniform rank and used the continental uniform and they held weekly drills in Reading. Most of the members of this League answered the call to the colors during the Spanish-American War and the League closed its books about 1900.

Ogalala Tribe No. 186, Reading was instituted in 1887. This name in the Indian dialect means "cast in". It was the name of a clan of the Sioux Indians. The tribe was named for a chief by that name who had made a number of visits to this locality.

The Sleepy-Eye Association was organized soon after the tribe was instituted as a play ground for its members and to conduct the social functions of the tribe.

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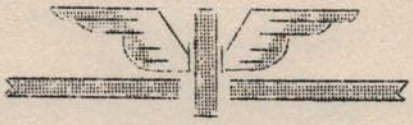

The late Past Great Guard of the Wigwam, John P. Luft; the late Past County President, Charles W. Miller; the late Past Sachem, Charles M. Reinert, who served in many important offices and committees in the county and in the state councils; Past County President, Martin H. Noll; Past Sachems', Charles H. Neider, Charles L. Mackrich, Irvin J. Ream and LeRoy Evans, all became engrafted to Redmenship in the councils of the Ogalalas. This Tribe closed its books July 31st, 1931, at which time, in the presence of the Great Chiefs of Pennsylvania, it merged with Wyanet Tribe No. 301, and many of the members are still very active in our Order.

Wyanet Tribe No. 301, Reading, was instituted in 1891. This tribe has made good the meaning of its name in the Algonquin dialect "beautiful". It has a degree team that renders the most beautiful work in our entire Order; a team that started out with a personnel of 12 men in 1891 and now has a personnel of 107 men and women and while the team received state and national recognition many times in the past 15 years it was not until the Golden Jubilee of the Degree of Pocahontas in Philadelphia in 1937, which was a national event of the Order, that this team was officially pronounced the largest and best team in the entire Order or in our country.

Sylvania Social Society was organized by members of the Wyanet Degree Team, July 1st, 1932 and incorporated in June, 1933.

The Ladies Auxiliary of Wyanet Tribe was organized in February, 1932. These two bodies provide social features or entertainments for the members and their friends in Wyanet Wigwam at 1006 North 11th Street.

The late Past Great Sachem, Hayden McQuaite; the late Past County President, Harry Z. Mauger; the late Past Great Guard of the Forest, Russell P. Bowman; Past County Presidents, Herbert H. Quinter and Claude R. Aulenbach; First Vice-President, George H. Maurer; Second Vice-President, Alvin R. Miller and County Treasurer, John A. Thomas are the outstanding names on the roster of Wyanet and the Sylvanians.

Ontelaunee Tribe No. 312, Hamburg, was instituted in 1892. This tribal name means "a stream among the rocks or little maiden". It was named for one of the Berks County clans of Indians who had their village along the Maiden Creek. This tribe took an active part in the Annual King Frost Carnival held in the borough. It was the first tribe instituted in Berks County outside of Reading. The late Past County President, Alvin E. Hossler, was very active in this tribe. This Tribe closed its books in 1937.

Unamis Tribe No. 336, Reading, was instituted in 1893. It was named for one of the tribes of the Delawares and means "turtle". This tribe is the father of many of the other tribes in our county. It closed its books April 10th, 1934, when the remaining members became members at large of the Great Council of Pennsylvania. The late Past Great Sachem , Charles T. Davis; Past Sachems, William L. Dick and Nathaniel Gring, the latter county editor for the Reading Eagle, are on the honor roll of the Unamis Tribe.

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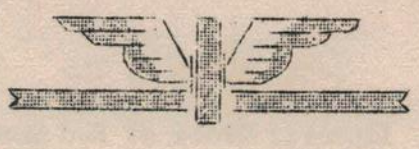

Neversink Tribe No. 351, Reading, was instituted in 1896. The name in the Algonquin dialect means "high land between waters or fishing grounds". It was named for the mountain on the southeastern border of Reading. This tribe had an auxiliary called the Button Busters in which they conducted all their social events. Past County President, Harry W. Bendel; the late Past Sachems, Clyde Yeager and Lewis E. Beard; Past Sachems, George E. Maurer and Ira W. Loewen hail from the Neversinks. It was chartered by the Berks Courts, February 14th, 1908. This tribe merged with Wyanet Tribe No. 301 in May, 1930 and many of its members are now active in Wyanet Tribe.

Indianola Tribe No. 384, Birdsboro, was instituted in April, 1899. This name in the aboriginal dialect means "the home of the Indians". Past County Presidents, Fred H. Snyder and George W. Fry have been active in this tribe many years. It closed its books May 23rd, 1935, at which time some of the members joined Sanatoga Tribe No. 213, Pottstown and others became members at large.

Popodickon Tribe No. 388, Boyertown, was instituted in September, 1899. This, in the Indian dialect means "the place the Indian is looking at". It was named for the chief of that name who was in charge of the Manatawny Clan and who is buried near the sources of the Ironstone Creek or near Popodickon Springs, where the members enjoy their summer social events. Past County Presidents, Morris F. Gilbert, Wilson S. Lechner and Charles E. Bauman, are among the most active chiefs of this tribe.

Metacomet Tribe No. 416, Reading, was instituted in 1902. This name signifies a meteor, the second son of Chief Massasoit, better known as King Phillip. The King Phillips Association, organized by this tribe soon after the tribe was instituted, was the playground for the members of the tribe. Past County President, Robert E. P. Gibble, Sr.; Past Sachems, Charles E. Bender, J. Harry Fisher and Robert E. P. Gibble, Jr.; the late Past Sachems, Calvin Rehrer and I. Grant Miller are the names on the honor roll of the Meteors. This tribe merged with Wyanet Tribe No. 301, February 4th, 1938 and many of the meteors are now active in all the Red Men events.

Wohlink Tribe No. 179, Yellow House, was instituted April 11th, 1903. It means a tract of land encompassed by hills and was the Indian name for Oley Township. It was named for Oley, the place where the Indians were always peaceful or Amity, where they remained longer than in any other part of the county, where some inter-married with the settlers and where the Pennsylvania German language had its origin. Past County President, Howard W. Body; Past Sachems, Chester R. Geiger, Nathan S. Sailer, Milton Sailer, Oscar Hine and John DeLong, are active chiefs of the Wohlinks.

Manangy Tribe No. 316, Reading, was instituted July 25th, 1903. This name in the aboriginal dialect means "Mananda, an Island". It was named for the Chief of that name who had charge of the Schuylkill Clan located along the river at Poplar Neck and Klapperthal at the base of

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the Neversink Mountain. This tribe has always been very active. The Manangy Degree Team, in charge of Charles S. Wegman, received state recognition from 1914 to 1919.

Manangy Social Workers was organized in 1907 as a playground for the members of the tribe. Besides social features this organization also provides traveling and secret charitable features for its members. It was chartered by the Berks Courts in May, 1937 as "Manangy Social Workers Association" and meets with the tribe at No. 11 North 8th Street. County President, Charles H. Hagan; Past County Presidents, Charles S. Wegman and Norman E. Hardinger are familiar names in Redmenship in Berks County and in the Great Councils of Pennsylvania and the United States.

Lamonti Tribe No. 319, Temple, was instituted in 1904 and means "the mountain". Among the Aborigines it was the name given to a tribe of Indians who had adopted a very tall white man into their tribe, indicating that he was as great as the mountain. The late Past County President, William H. Tindle; Past County Presidents, George S. Miller and Samuel T. Leinbach are names on the honor roll of the Lamonties.

Yuma Tribe No. 438, Fleetwood, was instituted in 1905. This tribal name means the "sons of the river or the Indians that dwell in a beautiful valley". The late Past County President, S. Y. Weidenhammer; Past County President, Fred B. Leibelsperger; Past Sachems, Warren H. Quillman, LeRoy Schlottman, N. K. Noll, William K. Adams, George Leibelsperger and Howard Heinly, hail from the wigwam of the Yumas.

Sassoonan Tribe No. 435, Mohnton, was instituted in 1905. It was named for the Indian Chief of that name of the Schuylkill Clan at Neversink, prior to Manangy, and who was later promoted to Chief of the Wolf Tribe and his name changed to Allumapees, with his headquarters at Lancaster or near Columbia. In 1916 this tribe merged with Ogalala Tribe No. 186, Reading.

Suyeto Tribe No. 477, Oley (Friedensburg) was instituted in 1906; which tribal name means "the chosen one". Past County Presidents, Elmer S. Snyder, Ellwood R. DeTurck and Walter B. Moser, hail from this tribe; the former having been the first secretary of the County Association when that body was organized in 1914.

Cheyenne Tribe No. 530, Reading, was instituted in 1911. This tribal name means "people of alien speech". It was named for a tribe of Indians in Minnesota, with whom some of the organizers of this tribe had frequent conferences prior to making their residence in Reading. The late Past Sachems, Samuel Moyer and B. J. Kreisher; Past Sachems, Henry A. Drace, Jacob Lott and Robert Shinn, hail from the Cheyennes. This tribe merged with Wyanet No. 301, May 3rd, 1935 and many of the members are now active on the degree team.

Narrangansett Council No. 67, Degree of Pocahontas, Reading, was instituted in 1894, which in the Indian dialect means "on the

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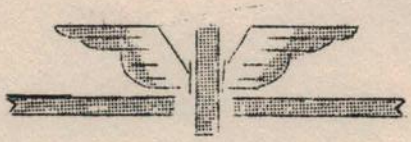
WYANET DEGREE STAFF



other side of the river", The late Past Great Pocahontas, Ella Maurer; past Pocahontases, Carrie E. Kirchman and Lizzie Selin, hail from this Council.

Indianola Council No. 70, Degree of Pocahontas, Reading, was instituted May 5th, 1894, which in the Aboriginal dialect means the same as the Tribe by that name- "home of the Indians". This is the largest and most active Council in Pennsylvania. Past Great Pocahontases, Sallie A. Clouser and Sidney H. DeWald, the former the first Great Pocahontas of Pennsylvania when that body was organized; Past Chief, Carrie B. Gudikunst; Pocahontas, Helen W. Richardson and Chief Powhatan, Charles S. Wegman, are familiar names in this council.

Neversink Council No. 188, Birdsboro, was instituted in 1900, and means the same as the tribal name. In 1911 this council closed its books and the members affiliated themselves with other local councils.

Opitsah Council No. 118, Reading, was instituted in 1900. This name in the Indian dialect means "sweetheart". This council extinquished its council fire in 1916 and the remaining members joined other councils.

Samoset Council No. 225, Hamburg, was instituted in 1914, which in the Indian dialect means "faithful". This council always takes an active part in all the county events and its members often furnished the refreshments for sessions held in the borough.

Metacomet Haymakers Association No. 416-1/2, Reading was organized in 1907. It was composed of members from the various tribes in Reading and Berks Countyand was used as an elaborate playground for Redmenship. Through some misunderstanding with the Grand Body the name was later changed to Metacomet Rainmakers Association and finally in 1920 it withdrew entirely from all superior bodies and became independent under the name of Metacomet Farmers Association No. 1. It was incorporated by the Berks Courts on April 11th, 1914 and maintains a home at 707 Walnut Street, under the name of Metacomet Home Association.

Red Men's Hall Association, Reading, was organized in 1907, incorporated in 1908, by representatives from the eight tribes and the three councils in the city at that time. The hall was dedicated in 1910, which gave to all the tribes and councils a central meeting place. The hall became distressed and closed its books in September, 1937, at which time the mortgagee took over the building and it is now used as the Berks County headquarters for the Department of Public Assistance of Pennsylvania.

The Berks County Red Men's Association was organized March 3rd, 1914 by delegates from all the tribes in the county and has been a very active body to date - having visited all the tribes many times each year and held annual conventions as follows:

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WYANET TRIBE

Hamburg	Oct. 31, 1914	Charles S. Wegman	No. 316	President
Temple	Oct. 30, 1915	Alvin E. Hossler	No. 312	"
Birdsboro	Oct. 28, 1916	Walter W. Webber	No. 330	"
Friedensburg	Oct. 27, 1917	Fred H. Snyder	No. 384	"
Fleetwood	Nov. 30, 1918	Charles W. Miller	No. 186	"
Boyertown	Oct. 25, 1919	S. Y. Weidenhammer	No. 438	"
Reading	Oct. 20, 1920	Morris F. Gilbert	No. 388	"
Hamburg	Oct. 29, 1921	Allen Miller	No. 74	"
Yellow House	Oct. 28, 1922	Howard W. Body	No. 179	"
Birdsboro	May 12, 1923	Harry Z. Mauger	No. 301	"
Temple	May 17, 1924	Samuel T. Leinbach	No. 319	"
Friedensburg	May 16, 1925	Martin H. Noll	No. 186	"
Reading	May 15, 1926	Ellwood R. DeTurck	No. 477	"
Boyertown	May 21, 1927	Norman E. Hardinger	No. 316	"
Fleetwood	May 19, 1928	Wilson S. Lechner	No. 388	"
Reading	May 18, 1929	George W. Fry	No. 384	"
Yellow House	May 17, 1930	Herbert H. Quinter	No. 301	"
Temple	May 16, 1931	Fred B. Leibelsperger	No. 438	Vice-"
Reading	May 14, 1932	Fred B. Leibelsberger	No. 438	"
Boyertown	May 20, 1933	Charles E. Bauman	No. 388	"
Reading	May 19, 1934	Claude R. Aulenbach	No. 301	"
Friedensburg	May 18, 1935	Walter B. Moser	No. 477	"
(No sessions - only)	1936			
(committee meetings)	1937	Robert E. P. Gibble	No. 416	"
(and tribal visits)	1938			
Reading	June 10, 1939	Charles H. Hagan	No. 316	"

The Boulder and Statue of Chief Shekilammy in Conrad Weiser Memorial Park near Womelsdorf, received the full support and cooperation of all the tribes and councils in Berks County. The project took seven years to complete, from 1923 to 1930, and cost the Order nearly $7,000.00 and is a splendid monument to the Improved Order of Red Men. The Degree Team of Wyanet Tribe erected a flag-pole upon Shekilammy Square and maintains a flag there at all times.

The Past Sachems League of Berks County was organized November 7th, 1925 and regular bi-weekly meetings were held in the various tribes in the county for a period of about four years, when suddenly the majority of the members, deeming it inconsistent to have two organizations in the county working along the same lines, agreed to disband and accordingly closed the books of the League May 13th, 1929 and turned the balance in the treasury over to the Shekilammy Boulder and Statue Committee.

During the height of Red Men prosperity Berks County enjoyed the honor of having 17 tribes of Red Men and 6 councils of the Degree of Pocahontas, with a membership of nearly 7,000. Under the present industrial conditions we can still feel proud that we have today 7 tribes and 4 councils with a membership of nearly 4,000.

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The Great Council of Pennsylvania of the Improved Order of Red Men has convened six times in the City of Reading: May, 1877; May, 1892; June, 1900; June, 1910; June, 1925 and June, 1929.

The Great Council of Pennsylvania of the Degree of Pocahontas convened three times in our city: July, 1895; May, 1909 and May, 1921.

Besides the heretofore mentioned activities, the Red Men of our County also participated in the Sesqui-Centennial of the City of Reading in 1898 by parading as the 13th Division, June 6th and in Reading's 175th Anniversary in 1923, by parading in the 4th Division October 3rd.

Cayugas Tribe No. 103, Annville, Lebanon County, was admitted to membership in our Association, February 8th, 1939. The tribal name means "a place where locusts were taken out". It was named for a nation of the Iroquois Confederation, who occupied the shores of Lake Cayuga, N.Y.. The primitive Cayugas were the guards to the western entrance to the Long House and thus the Improved Cayugas have become the guards to the western entrance to the Berks County Council House. Past Sachems, John H. Anspach, William Smith, Harry Hinkle, Herman Waltz and Selon Fegan hail from the councils of the Cayugas.

Thus has been given the evidence that the Improved Order of Red Men is the lineal descendent of the Sons of Liberty and that the inspiration of our Order is the same which gave birth to the United States of America.

May this story of a fraternal organization, which has played its part in the drama of the human progress of our County, our State and our Nation, inspire our members and pale face friends with more interest, greater love and renewed ardor in the cause of FREEDOM, FRIENDSHIP and CHARITY.

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PROGRAM

June 10, 1939

10:00 A. M. Opening of the Public Exercises by the Chairman of the Convention Committee - Warren S. Balthaser

Selection by the Orchestra
Singing of "America" by the Audience
Salute and Allegiance to the Flag
Prayer by Rev. Mark K. Trexler, Pastor of Calvary Lutheran Church, Laureldale, Pa.
Address of Welcome by President - Charles H. Hagan
Selection by the Orchestra
Address by Attorney Oliver Lentz
Closing selection by the Orchestra

11:00 A. M. Convention called to Order by the President
Roll Call of Officers, Committees and Delegates
Report of Credential Committee
President's Opening Address
Reading of the Minutes of the previous session
Presentation of Resolutions
Nomination of Officers

12:00 M. Annual Banquet

2:00 P. M. Convention reconvenes
Report of Memoriam Committee and Services
Secretary's Annual Report
Treasurer's Annual Report
Memorial Day Wreath Committee Report
Weiser Park Flag Day Ceremony Committee Report
State of the Order Committee Report
Publicity Committee Report
Orphans Committee Report
Convention Committee Report
Membership Committee Report
Budget Committee Report
Finance Committee Report
Auditing Committee Report
Degree Hall Committee Report
Educational Hall Committee Report
Program Committee Report
Nominating Committee Report
Picnic Committee Report
Election of Officers
Nomination and Selection of next place of Annual Session
Installation of Officers
Good of the Order
Adjournment Exercises

6:30 P. M. Parade

8:00 P. M. Exemplification of the story of the "American Indian" by Wyanet Degree Team, in the Ball Room of Rajah Temple

DELEGATES TO TWENTY-SIXTH ANNUAL SESSION

Cayugas Tribe No. 103, Annville

John H. Anspach
Harry F. Hinkle
Herman L. Waltz
William B. Smith
Selon R. Fegan

Lamonti Tribe No. 319, Temple

Edward Seidel
Frank Pehlman
Paul D. Grim
Charles Betz
H. A. Leinbach

Wohlink Tribe No. 179, Yellow House

Milton F. Sailer
Nathan S. Sailer
John Reeser
John DeLong
Howard W. Body

Popodickon Tribe No. 388, Boyertown

Archie Grofe
Harry Ritter
Edward Wasson
Warren Eschbach
Morris Hausman

Wyanet Tribe No. 301, Reading

John Stoudt
Robert Shinn
Charles Yoder
Joel Miller
George J. Fisher

Yuma Tribe No. 438, Fleetwood

LeRoy M. Schlottman
George M. Leibelsperger
Frank H. Noll
Howard W. Heinly
Warren H. Quillman

Manangy Tribe No. 316, Reading

Charles W. Bortz
George W. Crouse
Albert J. Brown
Irvin J. Ream
Morris F. H. Stein

Suyeto Tribe No. 477, Oley

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William Bertolet
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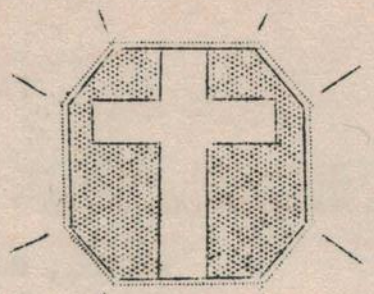

MEMORIAM

Opening of the Services by Chairman of Committee
Reading of the names of deceased by a member of committee
Two verses of "Asleep in Jesus" by Assembly
Eulogy by Morris F. Gilbert
Two verses "Sweet By and By" by Assembly
Prayer by Chaplain
Two verses "Lead Kindly Light" by Assembly
Address by a member of committee
Two verses "Rock of Ages" by Assembly
Address by Chas. Kinsey
Doxology by Assembly
Benediction by Chaplain

DECEASED MEMBERS

Tribe No. 103
John Fasnacht

Tribe No. 179
Thomas Griesemer
Lawrence Griesemer

Tribe No. 301
Fred Printz, Jr.
Christian Brosey
Edward Linderman
Charles Brenner
Charles Bechtel
Fred B. Weiler

Tribe No. 316
Earl J. Fegley
Harry L. Wildermuth
John Wahl

Tribe No. 319
None

Tribe No. 388
Wilson Scheffey, P. S.
Jacob Haas
Robert Brooks
Walter F. Houck
L. T. Heller
Clinton Schollenberger
Charles B. Conrad
Horace H. Miller, P. S.
Allan Schweinhart, P. S.
Joseph Oberholtzer
Aaron Houck

Tribe No. 438
Jacob Albright
Howard C. Kline

Tribe No. 477
None

Morris F. Gilbert, Tribe No. 388
Howard W. Body, Tribe No. 179
Edward L. Hagan, Tribe No. 316
Committee

WREATH COMMITTEE REPORT

Reading, Pa., June 10,1939

To the Officers and Delegates of the Berks County Red Men Association:
Greeting:

Your committee designated to place wreaths on the graves of our deceased Past Great Sachems and Past County Presidents, who were members of this Association, reports as follows:

On Memorial Day of this year we placed wreaths on the graves of:

Past Great Sachems HAYDEN MCQUAITE and CHARLES T. DAVIS in Charles Evans Cemetery, Reading

Past County Presidents HARRY Z. MAUGER, Aulenbach Cemetery, Reading; CHARLES W. MILLER, New Cemetery of St. Daniel's Corner Church, Robesonia; ALVIN E. HOSSLER, St. John's Cemetery No. 2, Hamburg; WILLIAM H. TINDLE, Laureldale Cemetery and S. Y. WEIDENHAMMER, Fleetwood Cemetery.

Fraternally submitted in
F. F. & C.
William C. Fisher
Charles H. Hagan
William K. Adams

Remarks:

WEISER PARK FLAG DAY CEREMONY COMMITTEE REPORT

Reading, Pa., June 10, 1939

To the Officers and Members of this Association:

We, your committee appointed by the President of this Association to arrange for and conduct the Annual Flag Day ceremonies at Weiser Park, as per By-Laws of this Association - the date of which falls on June 11th - report, that since the climax of our Annual County Convention will be the presentation of the "American Indian" by Wyanet Degree Team in the Ball Room of Rajah Temple and since the 3rd epoch of this team's work comprises one of the most beautiful Flag Ceremonies on record, we felt that we could not improve on this work this time by having a separate ceremony the following day, but gave our full support and efforts and worked with the Degree Hall Committee, with the feeling that we can convey this splendid patriotic lesson to more people June 10th than we could at Weiser Park.

Fraternally submitted
Chas. S. Wegman
Claude R. Aulenbach
Wilson S. Lechner

Remarks:

STATE OF THE ORDER COMMITTEE REPORT

Reading, Pa., June 10,1939

To the Officers and Delegates:

The past few years have been most perplexing in the activities of our Order in this district; conditions have had a compelling force in determining the success of our Tribes.

Many of our Tribes have not yet recovered from the nation-wide reverses of a few years ago when the banks closed and froze the bank accounts or working wampum of the various Tribes.

Also, many others suffered considerable loss in membership by the members being unemployed and unable to pay their dues.

Owing to such conditions no Annual Convention was held for the past few years. However, your Officers or Executive Board functioned regular and the secretary answered all communications promptly during this lull.

Many endeavors were made in the past few years to help the weak Tribes in our County which resulted in merging these Tribes with some of the larger ones, so that to-day we have Two Tribes in the City and Five in the County and One in Lebanon County or a total of Eight Tribes now members of this Association.

The Tribes have been very active since last August. Sixty (60) new members have been adopted, bringing our membership to 1,142 up to April 1st of this year and quite a number have been admitted since that date.

A total of $4,462.30 has been paid out in the past year as sick benefits by the Tribes of our Association, with an average of eighteen (18) members on the sick relief in the county at the present time.

A total of $2,684 was paid out as funeral benefits in the past year to the heirs of the twenty-seven (27) members who passed to the Happy Hunting Grounds.

We have passed on the various resolutions, countersigned our opinions thereto and present them to this body for further action.

We take the liberty here to thank the Press and all others who have contributed to our cause and have thereby helped to make this Annual Event possible.

Remarks:

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Fraternally submitted
in F. F. & C.
Fred H. Snyder
George Leibelsperger
Samuel T. Leinbach

PUBLICITY COMMITTEE REPORT

Reading, Pa., June 10, 1939

To the Officers and Delegates:

We, the undersigned committee on Publicity, report that we have trailed with the Officers and Committees to the various district meetings and Degree Ceremonials in the past year and that we have had published in our local City and Borough newspapers all outstanding events of Our Order and also a number of articles in our national magazine "THE RED MEN".

The resolutions presented to the Association in the past year by Past Presidents Wegman and Aulenbach such as "Duty Calls Every Red Men and Pocahontas to Stem the Tide of Un-Americanism", "Approval of the proposed New Armory" and "Beautifying the River Front" brought national recognition to this Association by the various departments of Government, National, State and Local, and we have had all the important parts of this correspondence published from time to time, in order to keep our organization in the public limelight.

Fraternally submitted
Chas. S. Wegman
George H. Maurer
Elmer L. Fox

Remarks:

ORPHANS COMMITTEE REPORT

Reading, Pa., June 10, 1939

To the Officers and Members:

Your committee on Orphans has made a thorough survey of all the Orphans in charge of the various Tribes in the Association and find a total of ten (10) orphans now receiving relief as provided for in our Laws. Pursuant to the ruling of the Great Council of Pennsylvania, we have made a special investigation of the Home Conditions of all our Orphans and find them all worthy of the relief which they are obtaining through the cooperation of the Great Council and the various Tribes of which the parents were members. We also find that, in most cases, the Chiefs of the Tribes of which the father was a member make a special visit to the Orphans a few times a year with Birthday or Christmas gifts. We think this is a splendid idea and will do a great deal to help make these Orphans grow up into real Red Men and Pocahontases.

Submitted in F. F. & C.,
N. K. Noll
Elmer E. Keiper
Milton F. Sailer

Remarks:

CONVENTION COMMITTEE REPORT

Reading, Pa., June 10, 1939

To the Officers, Delegates and Members:
Greeting:

We, the undersigned committee, report that we arranged to hold this, the 26th Annual Session in the Wigwam of Wyanet Tribe No. 1006 North 11th Street, or this Hall; that we made provisions for the Annual Banquet either at noon or in the evening, as the business of the session will permit, and have mapped out a street parade as follows:
Form at 1006 North 11th Street at or about 6:30 P. M., D.S.T., move to Spring Street, west on Spring to 9th Street, south on 9th to Washington Street, west on Washington to 6th Street, north on 6th Street to Rajah Temple.

Fraternally submitted,
Warren S. Balthaser
Charles W. Bortz
Albert J. Brown
Charles Yoder
Robert Shinn
Morris F. H. Stein
William Vogel

Remarks:

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MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT

Reading, Pa., June 10, 1939

Your committee on Membership hereby reports that 60 new members have been adopted by the Tribes in this Association and that the degrees were exemplified by Wyanet and Cayugas Degree Teams in the various Tribes.

Fraternally submitted in
F. F. & C.

Alvin R. Miller
George Hill
N. E. Hardinger
Howard W. Shell
Oscar Hine
Morris Endy
Warren H. Quillman
John E. Stoudt
William Anne
Irvin J. Ream
Edwin Brockway
Nathan S. Sailer
A. W. Geschwind
Henry Leinbach
Robert Hoch

Remarks:

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BUDGET COMMITTEE REPORT

Reading, Pa., June 10, 1939

To the Officers and Delegates:

Your Committee on Budget has made the following allottments:

For Rajah Temple Ball Room - Rental for Ceremonies	$ 70.00
For Convention Hall, 1006 North 11th St. - No charge	.00
For Speaker and Opening Exercise Orchestra - No charge	.00
For the Annual Banquet	50.00
For Band for the Street Parade (about 15 men)	50.00
200 Programs of 70 pages each for the session	125.00
For Wreaths for the Graves of P. G. S. & P. C. P.	14.00
For Miscellaneous Expenses	20.00
Total	$329.00

Remarks:

Fraternally submitted:
Chas. S. Wegman, P. C. P.
N. E. Hardinger, "
George S. Miller, "
Martin H. Noll, "
Wilson S. Lechner, "
Claude R. Aulenbach, "
Committee

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

We, your Finance Committee, submit the following report for your approval, as of May 24th - at which time this report was printed - subject to any changes which may be made by this Committee:

Deposits for sale of advertisements in Program		$166.90
Amount due on advertisements in Program		53.00
	Total	$219.90
Drawn for Stamps		4.10
	Balance	$215.80

Remarks:

Fraternally submitted:
George W. Crouse, Tribe #316
George H. Maurer, " 301
Charles D. Eckenrhode, Tribe 301
Committee

AUDITING COMMITTEE REPORT

Reading, Pa., June 10, 1939

To the Officers and Members:

We, your committee appointed to audit the books and accounts of the secretary and treasurer of this Association, do hereby certify that we have attended to our duties and find them correct as recorded in the reports of said officers.

Fraternally submitted,
Walter B. Moser
Frank Pehlman
LeRoy Schlottman

Remarks:

DEGREE HALL COMMITTEE REPORT

Reading, Pa., June 10, 1939

To the Officers and Delegates:

Your committee on Halls does hereby report that we have procured the Ball Room of Rajah Temple for the dress rehearsal Sunday afternoon, June 4th and for the degree ceremonial this evening by Wyanet Team.

Submitted in F. F. & C.,
George H. Maurer
Chas. S. Wegman
Warren S. Balthaser

Remarks:

EDUCATIONAL HALL COMMITTEE REPORT

Reading, Pa., June 10, 1939

Greeting:

Your committee appointed to procure a Hall or one of the School Auditoriums for the purpose of exemplifying the Wyanet Degree Work for educational purposes has made a number of endeavors and has contacted some of the school officials but to date has been unable to procure such a Hall, owing to other events in said school buildings; and can, therefore, only report progress at this time.

Submitted in F. F. & C.,
Charles D. Eckenrhode
Chas. S. Wegman
George H. Maurer

Remarks:

A. R. HOFFMAN

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